

# WEATHER.

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## DARR NOW DOOMED URGES SINGLE TERM

Attorney Is Considered for District Commissionership.

NAME PRESENTED TO TAFT

Declared to Have Backing in Senate and House.

MANY WHITE HOUSE VISITORS

Members of Congress See President. More Nominations Are Sent in by Chief Executive.

President Taft has added another name to his list of prospective District Commissioner selections. This time it is Charles W. Darr of the local bar. Mr. Darr's name has been placed before the President by Democrats of local prominence, and it is claimed he has backing in the Senate and House that would assure his confirmation as the democratic representative on the board.

The President has not left Capt. James F. Oyster or A. L. Eftwith similar for consideration, but at request he will look over Mr. Darr's recommendations before reaching a decision. The President is perfectly willing to hear from District people and members of Congress as to the choice of a democrat for District Commissioner. Mr. Darr, the latest candidate for the honor, has been practicing law in Washington for a number of years, and has been known as a consistent democrat.

Gallinger Sees Taft.

Senator Gallinger, chairman of the Senate committee on the District of Columbia, conferred with President Taft today, but as the President had a large number of visitors in the executive offices the New Hampshire senator will make another call at the desire of the President.

The nomination of a successor to Judge De Lacy as judge of the juvenile court is not a new matter. It has been ten days ago when the President began to consider the filling of that position. Judge De Lacy's friends are still active in his behalf, as are the friends of other men whose names have been mentioned.

Sends in Nominations.

President Taft today sent to the Senate, with other nominations, Edwin P. Parker of the District of Columbia, to be second lieutenant of the field artillery, and Hamilton Templeton and George W. Folgham, both of the District of Columbia, to be second lieutenants of infantry. President Taft's visitors today included Senators Crane, Smoot, Warren and Gallinger, Representative Green, Shepherd, Burges, Garner, Slattery, Anthony, Fairchild, McKinley, French, Lusk and Sanderford. A prominent official of the New York State Grange, who managed the Taft re-convention campaign this year, will take a trip around the world after March 4.

President Going to Panama.

President and Mrs. Taft, accompanied by Secretary, Hilles and Dr. Rhoads, probably will sail December 19 for Panama on the battleship Arkansas, leaving the vessel at Key West. Definite decision to make the journey has not been reached by the President, but his plans are well advanced and it is almost certain that he will be away from the White House for ten days or about two weeks during the Christmas holidays.

So certain are navy officials that the President will make the trip that they have been sent to the officers of the Arkansas at Norfolk to put everything in readiness for the President and his party. Commodore quarters will be fitted out for the President and his family, and a piano, phonograph and small refrigerator will be added to the comforts of the big fighter, the largest in the navy. The Arkansas will be accompanied by the battleship Delaware, that being done as a precaution in case of accident, and to accommodate the subordinate officials who will go with the President.

At Canal Four Times.

President Taft has made four visits to the Panama canal, and is so deeply interested in the work there that he desires to add the fifth before he goes out of office.

President's offer to Gov. Wilson of a battleship for a trip to the New England coast has been declined by Mr. Wilson, who has informed Mr. Taft that he will be too busy with the New Jersey legislature and other matters to leave the country before he takes the oath of office in March. Mr. Wilson told President Taft that he would be delighted to see the work upon the Panama canal, but would have to wait for another time to see the activities upon the great undertaking.

MELLEN MAY BE BARRED.

President of New Haven Railroad Probably Will Not Testify.

NEW YORK, December 9.—It is doubtful whether President Mellen of the New Haven railroad will be allowed to testify before the federal grand jury which is investigating the relations between his road and the Grand Trunk. United States District Attorney Wickes has received the investigation, he said, "is under the direction of Attorney General Wickes, and I am in no way connected with it. I forwarded the letter to the Attorney General and whatsoever action is taken in the matter will come through him."

PROBING BRIBERY CHARGES.

Witnesses Subpoenaed in Jefferson County, Ohio, Case.

STUEBENVILLE, Ohio, December 9.—Attorney General Hogan of Columbus was not here this morning to guide the special grand jury investigating the charges of alleged bribery in Jefferson county elections, and Prosecuting Attorney Easley assumed charge.

It was stated at the courthouse that Mr. Hogan was ill and it was not known when he would reach here. Witnesses have been subpoenaed up to tomorrow afternoon and it was announced that no program after that date had been mapped out.

The grand jury is expected to report Wednesday.

## WORKS WOULD LIMIT PRESIDENT'S TENURE TO SIX YEARS.

Works Would Limit President's Tenure to Six Years.

ASSAILS PRESENT SYSTEM

Campaigns for Re-Election Degrading, Declares Californian.

APPOINTEES PROVE TOOLS

Large Part of Time That Should Be Devoted to Government Is Given to Politics, He Says.

The effort to elect a President to a second term is a prolific source of political corruption, neglect of official duty and betrayal of trust on the part of public servants, said Senator Works of California, in a speech today in the Senate in support of his resolution for a single six-year presidential term.

The Works resolution proposes a constitutional amendment that would make a President ineligible for re-election after a single term. Strong support developed for the resolution in the last session and it is now on the calendar of the Senate for early action.

Degrading to President.

"It is degrading to the President himself and brings his great office into disrepute, often contempt," added Senator Works, in referring to presidential campaigns for re-election. "The President has come to be regarded as the head of his party, not as a candidate only, but as President, and not as the head of the nation. It is most pernicious doctrine."

"He has the power of appointing thousands of federal officers in every part of the country. Practically, in making these appointments, he acts as the head of his party and not as President. If he is re-elected the appointees may reasonably expect to retain their offices."

"A large part of his time that should be devoted to the public service is given over to politics and the efforts to secure his re-election. He is regarded by his appointees as their political chief, to whom they owe allegiance because he appointed them. They are tempted to serve him rather than the country."

Headquarters of Party.

"The White House is turned into the headquarters of a political party, where a press bureau is maintained, in the interest of the present chief and leader of his party, who is for the time being the President of the United States. The members of this cabinet become his political advisers. In this they are not serving their country, but the seeker of a second term. The appointees, who are added to the cabinet, are the immediate service of the President become his political aids and devote much of their time paid for by the government, his service as leader and candidate for re-election."

"It is a vicious system that cannot be denuded of its structure. It is a system of a free republic should not submit to it for a day. Every lover of his country should be against it and support any measure intended to reasonably calculated to put an end to it."

Would Remove Temptation.

"If a President were limited to one term and rendered ineligible to a second election there would be no incentive or temptation to appoint men to office with a view to their support of him as a candidate for a second term. He would need no political army. As a political leader he would be useless. He would have no motive or desire, other than to do his duty as President and make for himself an honorable record as a public official."

"We have had some highly honorable men in the White House, men who would have condemned the use of patronage by others for their political advancement, but there is not one of them who has been able to resist the temptation to do so. He would be useless. He would have no motive or desire, other than to do his duty as President and make for himself an honorable record as a public official."

ALL WELL WITH MAURETANIA

Message Sent at Noon From Steamship Denies Report of Mishap.

QUEENSTOWN, Ireland, December 9.—A wireless message from the Mauretania, dispatched at noon today, 570 miles west of this port, said "All well."

LONDON, December 9.—No confirmation of the news that the Mauretania had been wrecked here or at Queenstown. On the contrary, the vessel reported by wireless at a distance of 200 miles west of Broadhead at 11:30 last night and no mention was made in the dispatch of an accident of any kind. The Mauretania sailed, "all well," at 10:55 yesterday morning from Queenstown after taking the mails on board from the train which arrived at 7:15 a.m.

NEW YORK, December 9.—Cunard line officials here said today that the Mauretania had suffered no mishap of any kind and no cable dispatches bearing on the situation had been received. The absence of any such dispatch they interpreted as bearing out the fact that the ship has met with nothing to interrupt her routine across the Atlantic.

## REFUSE OF SYSTEM

Clearing Houses Upheld at "Money Trust" Hearing.

MR. NEWCOMER'S VIEW

Head of Baltimore Institution One of First Witnesses.

TWO BANKS NOT ADMITTED

Refused Conditional Membership Because They Could Not Be Bound by Certain Rules.

A general defense of the clearing house system of banking was made and a decided stand against government regulation of clearing houses was taken today by Waldo Newcomer, manager of the Baltimore clearing house, one of the first witnesses examined before the banking and currency committee of the House when it resumed its investigation of the so-called "Money Trust."

The committee took up the clearing house situation in Baltimore and representatives of two banks, the State Bank of Maryland and the Equitable Mortgage and Trust Company, who had been refused conditional membership in the association, appeared.

Then Manager Newcomer appeared. He explained that the banks were not admitted because, as conditional members, they would not be bound by the rules of the association as to out-of-town check exchange charges, and other rates, and would be in a position to compete at an advantage with the other members of the association bound by the rules.

Thinks Them Beneficial.

In a prolonged discussion with Samuel Untermyer, counsel for the committee, Mr. Newcomer declared that clearing houses throughout the country were beneficial institutions and that any attempt at government regulation would hamper their efforts.

"Would you object to a law providing that before a clearing house could close up a bank the government bank inspectors should be consulted?" asked Mr. Untermyer.

"Yes," answered the witness. "In times of stress there would not be time to consult with the government authorities."

When the House committee began the hearing on the money trust investigation Chairman Pujos made the following statement:

"In resuming this inquiry the committee feels that the many unauthorized, misleading and inspired reports that have been circulated throughout the country and plans should be corrected and that the public should be warned against placing any credence in them. There has been a consistent hostile effort in certain directions to embarrass the inquiry. No statements have been, or will be, made or authorized on behalf of the committee at any time, except such as may be openly announced at the hearings."

Denies Report of Friction.

"At no time has there ever been any friction, misunderstanding or difference either among the members or with or between counsel. Utmost harmony has prevailed from the beginning and the reports to the contrary have been sheer fabrications. Nor is there any authority for the persistent published reports to the contrary. The committee is not in possession of the facts on which to base a judgment. It has barely reached the threshold of the inquiry, so that any opinion as to its action is decidedly premature, to say the least."

"Attention is called to the announcement made at the outset of the hearings last May and since frequently repeated that the chief of the committee, Mr. Newcomer, who is for the time being the President of the United States, the members of this cabinet become his political advisers. In this they are not serving their country, but the seeker of a second term. The appointees, who are added to the cabinet, are the immediate service of the President become his political aids and devote much of their time paid for by the government, his service as leader and candidate for re-election."

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Reason for Postponement.

"The postponement over the presidential campaign was made pursuant to the frequently announced determination that this important investigation should not be subject to the criticism or suspicion of being in any way influenced by or connected with political considerations. The first witness was William W. Cloud, president of the State Bank of Maryland. Mr. Cloud was called to the committee, took up his examination. Mr. Cloud outlined the banking situation in Baltimore and the clearing house of the Baltimore clearing house, and said that he was not a member of the clearing house."

He said his bank had applied for clearing house privileges, but had been refused, because it was not a member of the clearing house. He said that he was not a member of the clearing house, but that he was a member of the clearing house. He said that he was not a member of the clearing house, but that he was a member of the clearing house.

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"Yes, it amounts to that," answered Mr. Cloud.

"But that is throttling competition, isn't it?"

"Well, I wouldn't say throttling," said the witness.

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Return of Gen. Bixby.

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A DEER DEMONSTRATION

## CHARLES E. TAYLOR DIES WHILE ON WALK

Newspaper Man Lately Private Secretary to Secretary of Navy Succumbs.

Charles E. Taylor, a well known newspaper man of this city and for some time private secretary to Secretary of the Navy, died this morning at 10:10 and R. streets northwest. Mr. Taylor, who was forty years old, resided at 1200 L street northwest. He left his residence to go for a walk before going to his office about 8:30 o'clock. When he reached the corner of 19th and R streets northwest he was seen to fall suddenly to the pavement.

But Is Not Hurt.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

NEW YORK, December 9.—The government's new 14-inch gun, which was being "tried out" at the Sandy Hook proving grounds this morning, exploded and many officers and ordnance soldiers on the Fort Hancock reservation had to be rescued from death. The big gun was practically blown to pieces, and fragments of it were thrown over a space of half a mile away by the force of the explosion.

Breach Block Thrown Far.

The breach block, weighing two tons, was thrown a quarter of a mile, and a piece of the gun, weighing about 300 pounds flew over the new life-saving station half a mile away.

The officers who were witnessing the test had gone behind a bomb-proof shelter before the gun was fired. Michael Brennan, an artilleryman, however, had a miraculous escape from death. He was standing on the gun carriage when the great piece was fired, and although death-dealing fragments flew all around he was unscathed.

Brennan was thrown many yards, but showed extraordinary nerve. He got up and brushed himself off and started before the gun was fired. The tremendous steel projectile was hurled over the target, and ripped up the beach for 100 yards when it struck the sand. The muzzle of the gun, a cylindrical section about ten feet long and weighing many hundreds of pounds, landed on the railroad track, tearing up the rails for twenty yards.

Born in Andover, Mass.

Mr. Taylor was born in Andover, Mass., in June, 1872. He was a graduate of Phillips-Exeter Academy and of Trinity College. He was engaged in newspaper work here for many years, having been at times connected with every daily paper published here. He was also engaged in correspondence for out-of-town newspapers from time to time. For several years he was tutor to the nephews of Andrew Carnegie.

Mr. Taylor was with the Taft publicity bureau in 1907 and 1908 and later at the head of the editorial force in the New York headquarters of Frank H. Hitchcock, at that time republican national chairman.

He resigned a position with the Star to accept a post as secretary to Secretary of the Navy. He later went to the Post Office Department, where he was employed at the time of his death.

His mother resides at Williamsport, Pa., where his brother, Harvey E. Taylor, is news editor of the Grid.

Jesse Bland, in charge of a publicity department of the Post Office Department, with whom Mr. Taylor was associated, telegraphed the news of the death of Mr. Taylor to his relatives at Williamsport.

Another, Harvey E. Taylor, will arrive from Williamsport, Pa., at 8:40 tonight, when the funeral arrangements will be made.

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NO ONE HURT IN ACCIDENT

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## ACTION OF AUSTRIA ROUSES SERBIA'S ANGER

Accumulation of Troops on Frontier Causes Bitter Feeling.

BEGRAD, Serbia, December 9.—The accumulation of Austrian troops on the Serbian frontier and the provocative language of the Viennese newspapers have led to a recurrence of excitement and embitterment of feeling in Serbia.

The newspaper Prejda, voicing the prevailing irritation, says: "If Austria desires war with Serbia, let it come. It will be the most bitter fight in Serbia. Every Serbian man and woman, young and old, will take part in it, and Austria will have to exterminate the entire Serbian nation before conquering it."

Many Servians visiting Austro-Hungarian frontier towns on business have been arrested on charges of spying. The Serbian government has protested to the Austro-Hungarian authorities.

Steamer Is Stopped.

LONDON, December 9.—A Belgrade dispatch to the Telegraph says that Austro-Hungarian authorities have stopped at Flume the steamer Hegedisch, with a cargo of 800 tons of flour, destined for the Serbian army at Durazzo.

It is announced that Austria intends to confiscate the flour for the use of her own army, thus creating a situation similar to that brought about by the stoppage by Turkey of Serbian guns.

Another Belgrade dispatch says there is considerable anxiety over the health of the Serbian king, who is expected to return to Belgrade tomorrow.

Turkey has not yet officially appointed her peace delegates, but all the Balkan states, including Greece, have named theirs, and the delegates tomorrow will start for London.

Dr. Danchev, president of the Bulgarian chamber of deputies, will stop at Bucharest on his way to London, and will endeavor to record Romania's territorial and economic aspirations with Bulgaria's interests.

The Greeks continue their military operations, having occupied Syrakon and St. George, villages four hours' distant from Janina, where the remnants of the Turkish Monastir army are said to have arrived.

Hart for House District Committee.

Representative A. C. Hart, democrat of Hackensack, N. J., was today agreed upon by the House committee on ways and means to fill the vacancy on the House committee on the District of Columbia. His appointment will have to be confirmed by the democratic caucus, which is a mere matter of form.

Only 13 Days for Christmas Shopping

FINED; MAY LOSE \$50,000.

Conviction for Speeding Likely to Cost Young Man Fortune.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., December 9.—Conviction for speeding his automobile may cost Garrison Payne, a New York lawyer, \$50,000. The complaint against Payne was heard today by Justice Buys at Irondequoit, who imposed a fine of \$25. To be prepared to take an appeal, the defendant had with him in court a phonograph and a moving picture machine.

Payne claimed that a clause in his father's will provided that if he has no court convictions against him at the age of thirty he will inherit \$50,000.

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SHOP NOW AND EARLY IN THE DAY.

## M'COMBS IS SILENT

May Not Announce Chairman While He Is Here.

JORDAN'S FRIENDS SURE

But His Opponents Have Their Hopes Raised by the Delay.

RUMOR OF A NEW YORK MAN

Senate Takes First Official Step Toward Observance of Inauguration.

Chairman William F. McCombs of the democratic national committee put in a busy day today, giving consideration to the selection of a chairman for the inaugural committee. At a late hour this afternoon he said that he had no announcement to make yet as to the chairman. Mr. McCombs said that he expected to leave Washington this afternoon about 4 or 5 o'clock, and that he might make an announcement before he left here.

While the friends of Eldridge B. Jordan insist that he will be the selection of Mr. McCombs for the chairman, the other candidates have had their hopes raised by reason of the delay in making the appointment. The friends of Robert N. Harper and W. V. Cox, who have been the other leading candidates for the position, lost no time today in placing their cases before Mr. McCombs.

Luncheon With Mr. Hilles.

Chairman McCombs had a private luncheon with Mr. Hilles, who is chairman of the republican national committee. At his request no invitations were issued, as he wished to talk over with Mr. Hilles several questions, particularly the organization of the White House offices. Mr. Hilles has been Mr. Taft's secretary about two years and is fully familiar with many questions, among them those of precedent which will face President-elect Wilson when he enters the White House.

Their conference was the basis for a report that Mr. McCombs would call to Washington with the new President in an official position. Some of Mr. McCombs' friends said, however, that while he had been offered a place in the new administration, he had not decided if he would accept it.

Rumor of New York Man.

A report was circulated here today that W. W. Vick of New York, secretary of the democratic national committee, was being urged as secretary of the inaugural committee. Mr. Vick was a big contender over his appointment.

Mr. McCombs said that no attempt had been made to name a secretary of the inaugural committee yet. The report regarding Mr. Vick was the effect of Mr. Costello was supporting the New Yorker, since he had found it impossible to get the overmastering charge of the inauguration ceremonies.

"This is deliberately untrue," said Mr. Costello, when his attention was called to the report. "It is merely another attempt to discredit me as District national committeeman."

First Official Step.

The first official step toward the making of arrangements for the inauguration of Woodrow Wilson as President was taken today in the Senate.

The upper house passed a resolution last night for the appointment of a committee of three senators and three representatives "to make the necessary arrangements for the inauguration of the President-elect of the United States on the 4th of March next." The President pro tempore, Mr. Aldrich, called the roll to appoint the representatives of their respective houses.

Senator Overman of North Carolina, introduced the resolution. It provides for the official inauguration at the Capitol.

WILL CHOOSE DOZEN MAYORS.

Massachusetts Towns to Hold Elections and Women Will Vote.

BOSTON, Mass., December 9.—Contests for mayor will feature twelve of the fifteen city elections which will be held in Massachusetts tomorrow. Lawrence, Lowell and New Bedford were elected last year for two-year terms and in those cities members of the city government and school board are the only officers to be voted upon.

In several of the cities women are planning to go to the polls in large numbers to vote for school committee members and their ballots may figure prominently in determining the final results, as was the case in elections held last week. Lowell has a registration of 6,000 women.